

Guidelines for Application of Scientific Research /Collecting Permit

Indiana Department of Natural Resources

Division of State Parks and Reservoirs

Submit proposal to:

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The mission of the IDNR Division of State Parks and Reservoirs is to manage and interpret our unique natural, wildlife and cultural resources; to provide for compatible recreational opportunities; and to sustain the integrity of those resources for future generations.

312 IAC 8-2-10 prohibits activity that may compromise preservation of habitat and natural and cultural resources on a DNR property except as authorized by a license. Scientific Research/Collecting permits serve as such license. While additional individual property policy may apply, scientific research/collecting permits are selectively released as a partnership between the Division of State Parks and Reservoirs and the permitted individual, agency, or organization named on a permit. All permits are released with the intent of potentially increasing the knowledge base with which the Division of State Parks and Reservoirs may make future resource management decisions. All permits require an annual report including detail of any/all findings (data, collection samples, etc.) and copies of any published work resulting from a permit, regardless of permit period or publication date. Future permits are contingent upon full compliance.

Proposals should be submitted no less than two months prior to planned research. Properties involving research/collecting on state dedicated Nature Preserves within State Parks and Reservoirs, or involving vertebrates or listed species, require additional review and approval by the divisions of Nature Preserves and Fish & Wildlife, so please plan accordingly.

A valid Indiana Scientific Purpose License, available from the Division of Fish & Wildlife, is also required for activities involving vertebrate collecting; contact Linnea Petercheff at 317-233-6527 or at lpetercheff@dnr.in.gov for more information.

All research proposals must include the following:

- **Research contact**
(Primary name, address, phone number, e-mail)
(Major Professor – if applicable, phone number, e-mail)
- **Research/Collection Intent**
(Research statement/purpose, properties and specific sites at each involved, potential significance to the property/division)
- **Research/Collection Start & End Times**
(Starting week of month and ending week of month - please include general times of day/night)
- **Research/Collection Methods**
(Specific details regarding protocol: species, numbers, specific parts, sizes, areas, disturbance, materials, markings, construction, ongoing intent beyond initial permit, etc.)
- **Copy of valid Scientific Purpose License (if applicable)**